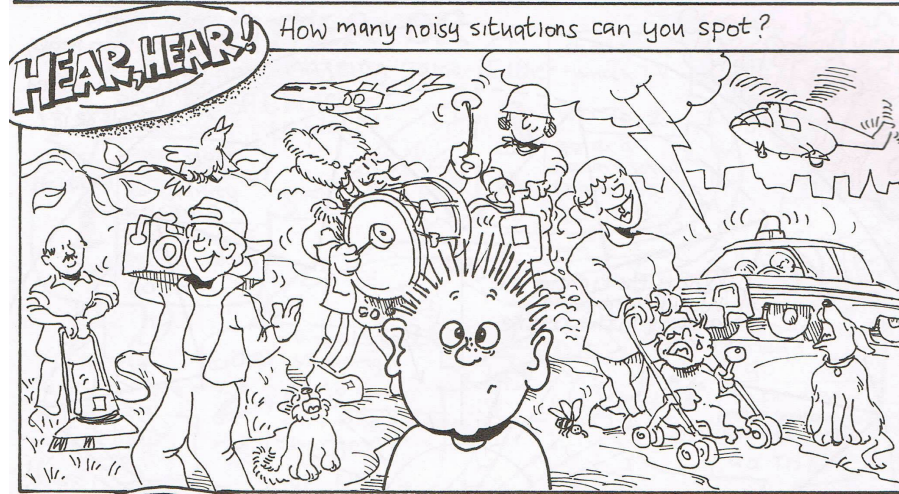


# LISTENING



Roll this sheet of paper up when you've finished, and make a megaphone, as shown. Your voice will carry a long way! Now hold it to your ear - you will be able to hear things a long way off. See how far apart you and your friends can get and still hear/speak to each other like this.

What does God tell us about Jesus?  
Use the code below to crack this message!

"20.8.9.19. 9.19. 13.25. 19.15.14., 23.8.15.13. 9. 8.1.22.5. 3.8.15.19.5.14.  
— 12.9. 19.20. 5.14. 20.15. 8.9.13. !" LUKE 9.35.

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How can we listen to Jesus? The picture puzzle shows us things which might drown out our friends' voices – what sort of things might make it hard for us to 'hear' Jesus?

## February 2012 at Christ Church

Dear friends at Christchurch

*"Show me your ways, O Lord, teach me your paths, guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Saviour, and my hope is in you all day long" Psalm 25:4-5*

This month sees the start of Lent (Ash Wednesday is on 22<sup>nd</sup> February). Lent is often seen as a time for giving up something, but this Lent I want to challenge every member of Christ Church to take up something – our **BIG BIBLE CHALLENGE!** Last year many of us used E100, and together followed through the great story of the Bible. This Lent we are going to read Mark's gospel together.

There will be a reading plan taking you through Lent. But as many of us found with E100, it does help to have a guide book for our reading. The book we will be using is **Lent for Everyone : Mark** by Bishop Tom Wright. Tom is a great Bible teacher, and his book will help you understand the passage each day, and to apply God's word to your life. It costs £6.99 – if you would like one please sign up on the list at the back of church by Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> Feb.

Our Lent home-groups will also be following through Mark's gospel, and will be a good opportunity to discuss what you have been reading. I know that not everyone finds it easy to get to home-group meetings, but even if you can't make the meeting being part of a home-group means that you will have others you can talk about the Bible with; others who will be praying for you and encouraging you. So I want to urge **every member of Christ Church** to sign up for one of our Lent Groups. Again, there is a sheet at the back of church.

If we do want to pray that God will show us his paths, we have to play our part – and reading his word is key to that. So don't miss out. You might usually give up some sort of food for Lent – but this year, why not feast on God's word instead!

Yours in Christ

Graham Cousins

## Regular weekly activities:

Monday	-	9.30 am Toddler Group
	-	1.00 pm TLC
Tuesday	-	9.30 am Toddler Group
	-	3.30 pm Shine
Wednesday	-	1.00 pm Needlecraft Group
	-	5.30-6.30 pm Rainbows
	-	5.45 pm-7.00 pm Brownies
Thursday	-	9.45 am Keep Fit
	-	11.00 am Keep Fit
	-	1.00 pm Craft Group
	-	5.00 pm Brownies
	-	7.30 pm Guides
Friday	-	9.15 am Mothers 'n' Others
	-	7.00 pm Evening Bowls

## THE BIG CHRISTMAS CARD

With the money collected through our Big Christmas Card in December, we have bought:

- ✓ A well for a village in Kenya
- ✓ A bike for a Community Heath Volunteer in Kenya
- ✓ A donkey cart for a family in Ghana
- ✓ A school desk for 2 children in South Sudan

Thanks to everyone who contributed.

## TODDLER GROUP

Our Toddler Group recommences on Monday and Pauline Williams will be taking over heading this up. Please pray for Pauline and her team as they work together. This is a great opportunity for us to connect with our community and much appreciated by the parents and grand parents who bring their children along.

## MARRIAGE WEEK

is for all who believe that healthy marriage is a great idea that creates stability and security (along with plenty of fun and laughter) for Husband, Wife, and any children, which may arrive. We are convinced that marriage is a brilliant institution that all of society should celebrate. Hence Marriage Week, a time to say "Wake up. Marriage is a great idea". On Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> February from 7pm we're organizing an evening of food and fun in the Parish Centre for all married couples as we celebrate marriage together. Cost: £5 per couple. RSVP to Peter or Sarah and BYO wine!



## CROSSWORDS: RAISING OUR CHILDREN

How can we best raise our children; within the family and the church?

This is the question being addressed at this training morning aimed at Parents, Sunday Club Leaders and Ministers to explore this issue together. The event is at St Andrew's Church, Bebington on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February, 9am-1pm. Childcare available if you book early! Bookings forms now available (at Welcome Desk) and to be returned to Peter Bourke ASAP. There is no charge for this event

## RAISING OUR CHILDREN

